GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE BASIC TELECOM OPERATORS
BASUDEB ACHARIA;CHANDRA NATH SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Private Basic Telecom Operators have not met their target of providing Village Public Telephones (VPT) and some of them have not yet even started work on these projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against such operators?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): It has been observed that investments by licensed private Basic Telephone Service operators, have so far been made in urban areas mostly. They have consistently been insisted upon to clear the backlog of missed targets of VPTs and to discharge their committed obligations. It has also been made clear to them that there will not be any dilution in performance obligations committed by them in their Licence Agreements.